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### REMARKS

This amendment to the specification is filed along with the payment of the issue fee, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. By this paper, Applicant has amended a sentence in the application to recite: "An optical compensation layer may comprise the oxide layer 410, which may be of a metallic oxide, such as zirconia (ZrO<sub>2</sub>) or hafnia (HfO<sub>2</sub>), which have a finite extinction coefficient within the visible range." Applicant has also added a sentence which recites: "In another embodiment, the optical compensation layer may comprise a material such as a nitride or a fluoride."


This amendment to the specification does not contain any new matter, nor does it require an additional search or affect the patentability of the invention. Original Claim 11, as filed on Page 11 of the originally-filed application, recites that "the optical compensation layer includes materials selected from the group consisting of Zirconia, Hafnia, an oxide, a nitride, and a fluoride." Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment to the specification merely clarifies subject matter already disclosed in the application as originally filed. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment to the specification.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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